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NOTE FOR: Chief, Headquarters Engineering Branch, RECD/OL

FROM: [REDACTED]

Chief, Real Estate & Construction Division, OL

SUBJECT: Powerhouse Electricians

Chuck:

1. Per our telephone discussion after receiving Stan's attached memo, we both agree that there is a most significant difference in our emergency power generation posture between the one generator versus the present four-generator system with regard to the need to have the watch-electrician in the powerhouse at all times. In our present four-generator system, he must be there at all times to implement and orchestrate the critical manual actions (i.e., chillers, remote switching, systems monitoring, etc.) to supplement the automatic responses of the generators during a power outage.

2. I realize it has been a very long time since a major catastrophic total power outage has occurred at the Headquarters Building and such an outage may not occur at the time a powerhouse watch-electrician has been called to the Headquarters Building by the SDO or GSA to respond to an after hours electrical problem or emergency. However, the risk is too great and we cannot afford it.

3. Accordingly, and in view of the above, please coordinate with [REDACTED] and the SDO office requesting they not task the powerhouse watch-electrician with work outside the powerhouse at any time.

4. You might further explore with John how he might provide electrician response to electrical problems in the Headquarters Building after standard working hours and on weekends without encumbering the powerhouse watch-electrician.

5. As we discussed, we may even have to identify to the SDO and GSA certain exceptions type emergency power problems in the Headquarters Building which are so operationally threatening after standard work hours that the powerhouse watch-electrician may have to respond to them in spite of the above risk factors. This posture would only be acceptable on an interim basis until an acceptable second electrician response mechanism could be established with GSA.

6. In your upcoming scheduled meeting with [REDACTED] manpower study representative, please bring up this issue regarding our joint efforts to reenforce powerhouse management efficiency, staffing, control, and spin-off support to the Headquarters Building.

7. Please keep me posted on your progress in this matter.

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